



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
HEADQUARTERS, NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER & FORT IRWIN  
FORT IRWIN, CA 92310-5000

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1 Apr 07

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: NTC Policy Letter 32, Uniform Policy Letter for Standard of Dress, Appearance and Conduct

1. PURPOSE: This policy governs the Fort Irwin standards of dress and appearance for military uniforms, civilian attire, and accessories.

2. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all military and civilian personnel on Fort Irwin.

3. REFERENCES:

- a. AR 670-1 (3 Feb 05), Subject: Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia
- b. DOD ALARACT Message 2022Z (20 Apr 05)
- c. FORSCOM Regulation 385-1, Change 4 (3 Aug 04), Subject: FORSCOM Command Safety Program
- d. DODI 6055.4 (20 Jul 99), "DOD Traffic Safety Program"
- e. NTC Regulation 190-5 (1 Jun 02), Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision

4. POLICY:

- a. Standards of Dress and Appearance.

(1) Soldiers have a responsibility to maintain a high standard of personal appearance both on and off duty. Leaders at all levels must enforce standards and set good examples in their own dress and appearance. Absent written guidelines, apply standards of professionalism and common sense.

(2) Soldiers, family members and guests will adhere to the standards stated in this policy while on Fort Irwin. Sponsors are responsible for the dress and conduct of their family members and guests when using Fort Irwin facilities.

(3) Body piercings are unauthorized for Soldiers in any US Army controlled area. This includes events that are officially sponsored by an Army organization and held off the installation. Exceptions for female Soldiers are identified in AR 670-1, section 1-14.

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(4) The use of headphones or earphones is strictly prohibited by individuals running on the streets or within five feet of the street IAW NTC Regulation 190-5, paragraph 2-6.b.

(5) All official Army uniforms are authorized for wear off-post as long as their wear is legal, appropriate, and does not disgrace the United States Army. Army uniforms will not be worn in establishments that are counter to good order and discipline (i.e. strip clubs). Guidelines on the wear of specific uniforms, both on and off-post, are addressed throughout this policy letter.

(6) Tattoos/brands on the head, face, or neck, extending above the Class A uniform collar are prohibited. Tattoos or brands that are extremist, indecent, sexist, or racist are prohibited, regardless of location on the body, as they are prejudicial to good order and discipline within units IAW AR 670-1, paragraph 1-8.e.

(7) Soldiers may wear sunglasses when in uniform IAW AR 670-1, paragraph 1-15. Sunglasses will not be worn on the top of the head, around the neck, or hanging from the BDU pockets. Non-prescription sunglasses are unauthorized for wear with the IPFU, unless cleared for medical reasons or if they provide a sensible safety precaution such as eye protection while riding a bicycle.

b. Class A/Class B Army Green Service Uniform. The Class B uniform may be worn off post while participating in official and ceremonial functions. It is normally worn without awards, unless otherwise directed.

c. Class C Duty Uniform.

(1) Soldiers may wear any authorized duty uniform to/from their place of duty. This includes the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU), Desert Camouflage Uniform (DCU), Flight Crew Uniforms, Combat Vehicle Crew Uniforms, Army Combat Uniform (ACU), or any authorized duty uniform. These duty uniforms may be worn off post only for brief stops for personal reasons or when conducting errands in support of daily operations. They will never be worn in establishments where the sale of alcohol is the primary business or purpose of that establishment.

(2) Commanders may authorize other duty uniforms such as mess whites; however, medical whites are only required for duty performance.

(3) Brown/Tan T-shirts are authorized for wear as an outer garment while in uniform.

(4) When on post, Soldiers in uniform cannot consume alcohol prior to 1700 hours (after Retreat). Additionally, they must stay in complete uniform.

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(5) Patrol caps and hot weather sun hats can be worn only in tactical environments, during training rotations, or when in a deployable status (Rotational Training Units). This headgear may be worn in garrison on Fort Irwin when deemed practical by unit commanders.

(6) Uniforms will be complete. Personnel will not remove their ACU, BDU, or DCU jackets when driving their POVs.

(7) Field Gear (LBE/LBV), hydration packs and variations of fluid carrying devices will not be worn in garrison IAW AR 670-1 to include any AAFES facility, DCA agency and gymnasium. Penlights and other field items should not be seen hanging externally from uniform pockets while on main post. The ONLY exceptions are in the Rotational Unit Bivouac Area (RUBA), Rotational Unit Field Maintenance Area (RUFMA) or Training Area. Bottom line, AR 670-1 standards apply and will be strictly enforced specifically in garrison.

(8) ACU Uniform Items. The Rigger Belt, moisture wicking t-shirt (tan), green socks and Army Combat Boots – hot weather and temperate weather (tan) – are authorized to wear with the BDU and DCU IAW DOD ALARACT Message 2022Z.

(9) Identification and Security Badges. Badges required for access to restricted areas within an organization's area should be removed and not displayed externally on any uniform outside of those areas where they are required.

d. Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU). The IPFU is authorized both on and off-post, to include quick stops at the 24-hour Shoppette, IAW current post policies. The IPFU is required while conducting any physical training during the duty day (0600 - 0900 hrs) or as directed by medical personnel for medical reasons. The IPFU is unauthorized while conducting work-details, casual shopping or participating in casual social events on or off Fort Irwin. Only those authorized basic issue clothing items are authorized to wear any part of the IPFU. Exceptions are retired personnel and dignitaries afforded that privilege IAW AR 670-1.

e. Combatants on the Battlefield (COB) Uniforms. Composition and guidelines for the use and wear of the COB uniform will be designated by the parent unit. Soldiers wearing COB uniforms must maintain approved grooming and hygiene standards when using any facility on Fort Irwin. Relaxed grooming standards may be required for designated personnel (COBs). Commanders and First Sergeants will ensure that this requirement is not abused. Dirty or unserviceable COB uniforms are not authorized in any garrison, DCS or AAFES facility.

f. Safety Vests, Reflective Belts and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

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(1) Anyone riding in a vehicle with windshields must wear eye protection. Contact lenses will not be worn in the desert; this could lead to serious eye damage.

(2) Occupants of tactical vehicles will wear a helmet/CVC while in training areas or areas designated as "Helmet Required and Service Drive Lights restricted." Helmets/CVCs are not required while operating tactical vehicles on main post as long as the operation is a routine task and not part of a rotational mission IAW FORSCOM Regulation 385-1, Change 4. Seatbelts must be used at all times.

(3) Anyone operating a motorcycle, moped, motor scooter, or ATV, and their passengers, on Fort Irwin will wear complete PPE. Soldiers will also wear PPE off post. All other operators are strongly encouraged to wear complete PPE off the installation IAW FORSCOM Regulation 385-1 and this policy letter.

(4) All personnel will wear a reflective device when conducting physical fitness runs, walks, or marches on Fort Irwin during limited visibility. Cyclists must also wear a reflective device.

(5) The use of cellular telephones on Fort Irwin is only authorized if a vehicle is safely parked or operators are using a hands-free device. The wearing of portable headphones, earphones, or listening device (other than a hands-free cellular phone) while operating a motor vehicle on roads or streets on Fort Irwin is strictly prohibited. Use of those devices impairs driving and masks or prevents recognition of emergency signals, alarms, announcements, the approach of vehicles, human speech, and the ability to determine the direction from which the sound is coming. Such devices are a distraction to the driver. Whenever possible, the use of a cellular telephone should only be done when the vehicle is safely parked IAW NTC Regulation 190-5, paragraph 4-6.c. Also, DODI 6055.4, DOD Traffic Safety Program prohibits wearing such devices while jogging/running, skating, bicycling, or skate boarding on roads on DOD installations.

g. Conduct.

(1) There will be no cadence calling or conducting unit physical fitness training near or within the family housing areas.

(2) Professionalism, common courtesy, common sense, and respect for others will be practiced by all personnel, military and civilian, at Fort Irwin.

(3) Civilian clothing will be worn in good taste, appropriate to the occasion, and not offensive. If questions of suitability arise, the chain of command will be the deciding authority.


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(4) Soldiers in uniform will not smoke or talk on a cellular phone while walking; however they may do so while stationary.

5. SUPERSESSSION: This policy letter supersedes all previous NTC policy letters under the same subject.

6. The proponent for this policy letter is G3, Plans and Operations at 4-5555.



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